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### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.323

**Certificate of Correction Branch**  
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Sir:

Patentee requests that Letters Patent No. 7,000,272 B2 be corrected as noted on the enclosed certificate. It is requested that the spelling of the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) inventor's name be corrected to -Dennis R. Zwink-. Dennis R. Zwink made handwritten corrections to the spelling of his name on the original Declaration (submitted in a parent application to which this patent claims priority) by lining through "Denis" and writing "Dennis" thereabove. The Official Filing Receipt mailed August 4, 2004, had Dennis R. Zwink's name spelled correctly. The Issue Notification mailed February 21, 2006, had Dennis R. Zwink's name

spelled correctly. Accordingly, it is believed that the misspelling of Dennis R. Zwink's name on the issued patent is a USPTO error such that no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Request for Certificate of Correction.

We are also correcting the middle initial of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) inventor, from "Paul M. McDaniel, III" to -Paul J. McDaniel, III-. Upon review of the signed Declaration, his signature included the correct middle initial, but the typed version of his name above his signature was inadvertently misspelled, and no correction was made by the inventor.

Please charge to our deposit account the \$100.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(a) to pay for a Certificate of Correction. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 10-0435 with reference to our matter 7175-202288.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 7,000,272 B2

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INVENTOR(S) : Allen et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Front page of U.S. Patent No. 7,000,272 B2 under (75) Inventors:

Change "Paul M. McDaniel, III" to - Paul J. McDaniel, III -

Change "Denis R. Zwink" to - Dennis R. Zwink -

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